

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

PLATCHER, Bodo.

Serial No. Filed herewith

Filed: February 04, 2004

For: Methods of Replicating Human Cytomegalovirus  
and Producing Viral Particles Therefrom

Art Unit: To be assigned

Examiner: To be assigned

Atty. Docket: 966927-20002D

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered in the Divisional Application filed herewith. This application is being filed as a Divisional of Application Serial Number 09/914,948, filed September 06, 2001, which is currently in condition of allowance.

***In the Abstract:***

Kindly replace the Abstract in the parent application with the following replacement Abstract.